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"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."
— Anne Frank

WVN brings new events to campus for Volunteer Week

Grainne Carlin
News Editor

Just weeks after Scots In Spirit Day, the College of Wooster is back in volunteer action. The annual Wooster Volunteer Network's (WVN) Volunteer Week kicked off on Saturday and was full of new events and some old favorites. WVN plans Volunteer Week with the purpose to expose students to different volunteer opportunities, do service projects and have fun through service, while showing the importance of why people should get involved.

WVN wanted to try something new this year. "This year's board is full of motivated and dedicated students who all have great ideas," said President of WVN, Lauren Grimanis '12. "We wanted to spice up Volunteer Week so that we could expand to incorporate more students. The WVN board really took initiative and stepped up to the challenge of making this week something new and so far they've done a great job." The group kept the agency fair event and very popular Nearly Naked Run, but all other activities were new.

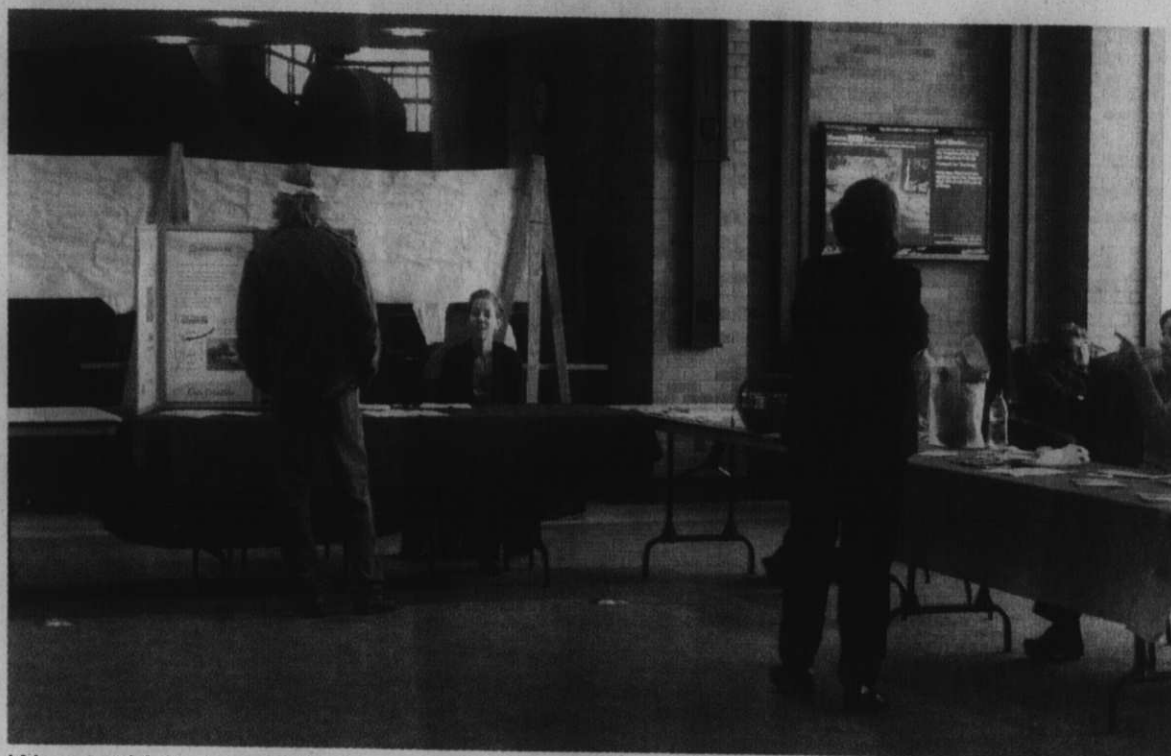
According to Grimanis, the biggest challenge for Volunteer Week is figuring out how to spread the word about the volunteer opportunities. "Most students are very interested in volunteering and will do so when there are the opportunities. Making all these students aware of what we are planning can be difficult," she said.

In an attempt to somewhat remedy this challenge, WVN encouraged first-years to volunteer by hosting a dorm competition with the first year dorms and Residence Life to see which hall volunteers the most.

This year's Volunteer Week included a Wooster Service Day when Wooster Volunteer Network organized a variety of volunteer opportunities around the town, ranging from places like the Humane Society to the Wooster Community Hospital. Shuttles ran student volunteers between the College and volunteer locations throughout the entire day. "Service Day was very popular this year, which was great since it was the first time doing this event," Grimanis said.

On Sunday of Volunteer Week, students had the opportunity to create their own children books at Ghana Book Making. Tables were set up in Lowry Center, where crafty volunteers could color and create a variety of activity books, including alphabet books and body part books. The hand-made books will be sent to the Asiafo Amanfro Community school in Ghana at the end of this month, where they will be used as educational tools for the children in the classroom.

Volunteer Week also offered events for students to learn about volunteering. Students could listen to presentations by other Wooster students who received grants from the Lilly Project and hear about the students' experiences over the past summer. The Agency Fair event



Wooster Volunteer Network hosted Volunteer Week this year with a combination of new and old events. The group kept the traditional Service Fair in Lowry and Wednesday's Nearly Naked Run but added in a service day and book making (Photo by Linda Kuster).

was held on Wednesday afternoon in Lowry Center; different agencies from around Wooster spoke with students about the volunteer opportunities they provide.

Nearly Naked Run finished the week on Wednesday night. Students could either run or watch the race and enjoy food from the Great Scots hosted barbeque while also listening to tunes from Woo91. To enter the race individuals had to pay \$3, teams of four paid \$10 and sports and Greek teams of six paid \$15.

All proceeds from the run will go towards Pakistan Flood Relief.

Wednesday night's Nearly Naked Run is usually the most popular event for Volunteer Week. The Nearly Naked Run's motto is "Underwear Required, Everything Else Optional," which tends to intrigue many students. This year, WVN added two new races to the Wednesday night competition, the Greek race and sports team race as well as plenty of new prizes.

WVN's Volunteer Week gave

Wooster students new opportunities to give back to the community, something the College strongly encourages. Grimanis has hopes to expand the amount of student volunteers on campus and encourage more people to get involved. "This year for WVN in general we are looking to expand our breadth to include more students and their interests" said Grimanis. "That's why we had stuff to do on campus and off campus. We do get a lot of participants, but we always want more."

College campuses see increase in substance abuse



College campuses around the country are reporting increasingly high numbers of substance abuse cases. New alcoholic beverages on the market have lead to several student hospitalizations in the last month (Photo by Laney Austin).

Laney Austin
News Editor

The past several years have seen a disturbing rise in substance abuse issues on college campuses. These problems, ranging from binge drinking to extensive drug usage, have awakened the issue amongst administrations across the country probing the question: How do we prevent this issue from getting worse?

In 2007, USA Today published a story that reported on the increasing rate of both drugs and alcohol use on college campuses. The article

reported that over half of America's 5.4 million college students abuse drugs or drink alcohol at least once a month, indicating that the situation has "seriously deteriorated" since previous studies in 1993. The Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University did a follow up on their 1993 findings and found some incredibly alarming changes.

For example, 22.9 percent of students meet the medical definition for alcohol or drug abuse or dependence — a compulsive use of a substance despite negative consequences

— compared with 8.5 percent of all people 12 and older who are not in college institutions.

These statistics are supported by recent incidents that have popped up in the news, that not only are examples of reckless abuse of substance, but also dangerous. Last week, a Georgetown University freshmen dorm was evacuated after a suspected meth lab was found in one student's room, according to the Huffington Post.

During the evacuation of the dorm, seven people were exposed to the noxious chemicals produced by the

methamphetamine, resulting in hospitalizations. A Georgetown University spokesperson said that students remained evacuated while federal investigators conducted their search.

One factor that has largely contributed to the rise in substance abuse is the ever-expanding agents that are showing up on the market. According to a report by ABC News, a high-alcohol energy drink called "Four Loko" sent nine college students to the hospital earlier this month and sickened many more. The incident has turned into a national controversy because investigators originally gauged the severity of the incident so high that they thought date-rape drugs to be the culprit.

Four Loko, which has only recently emerged on college campuses, contains 12 percent alcohol, or the equivalent of six cans of beer. The incident, which occurred at an off-campus party at Central Washington University, left authorities dumbfounded after they amassed blood alcohol levels ranging from .12 to .35 percent.

As the drink has spread quickly throughout the nation as a means for getting intoxicated quickly for very little cost (the average cost of a 23-ounce can is only \$2), it has been nicknamed "Liquid Cocaine." Many colleges have already started to ban the drink on campuses as a precaution.

Although these stories may seem far off from Wooster's removed campus, substance abuse still exists here. Many first-years enter campus having never been exposed to alcohol or

drugs in high school and often times find themselves sick or ill due to the high accessibility to alcohol on campus. Underage drinking at Wooster and at other institutions is somewhat unavoidable as it is often seen as a large part of campus culture for some people, but the College has placed limits and sanctions, such as online alcohol classes and community service, in order to show the campus that that line cannot be pushed too far.

According to information on the College's website from the Longbrake Student Wellness Center, "Wooster's approach to the issue of alcohol and drug abuse is proactive rather than reactive; and it is both individual and environmental."

Besides sanctions that can be given to students who abuse substances, Wooster is committed to working with students to educate them about the negative side effects that can result in their usage. Although the website also acknowledges that Wooster does not have an inherent substance abuse problem, it is still a relevant issue that has had many unfortunate incidents throughout the past decade.

With the rise in substance abuse becoming an increasingly more apparent issue in the media, administrations are brainstorming ways to crack down. Much like our approach here, education before consequences is proving to be the most effective method. If new ideas and resources are utilized effectively, incidents like the ones that occurred at Georgetown and Central Washington can hopefully be avoided in the future.

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BITE-SIZE NEWS

CAMPUS

*Alum and Professor
speak at Capitol Hill*

Associate Professor of Chemistry Paul Edmiston and Deanna Pickett '10, one of his former students, were among the featured speakers at a Capitol Hill briefing for Congressional policy makers and staff, organized by the Council on Undergraduate Research and the House Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education Caucus. The topic is "Undergraduate Research and American Innovation." Pickett described her I.S. project, which Edmiston mentored and the different methods she used in her study.

LOCAL

*Obama and Common
stop in Cleveland*

Common, the Grammy-winning hip-hop artist, will join President Barack Obama and Ohio Democrats at a get-out-and-vote rally on Sunday at Cleveland State University, according to the Democratic National Committee. The Plain Dealer reported that the appearance in Cleveland is the second stop on the rally's trail following an appearance in Chicago. The rallies are designed to motivate Democrats to vote in midterm congressional elections and support other candidates on the ballot next Tuesday.

NATIONAL

*'Hiccup woman' on
trial for murder*

John Trevena, the lawyer for a young Florida woman who was known for unstoppable hiccups and is now accused of murder said Tuesday he may present an unusual defense in her case: his client has Tourette's Syndrome. According to the Boston Herald, Jennifer Mee, 19, was charged Sunday with first-degree murder after police said she lured a 22-year-old man to a meeting where he was robbed and shot a day earlier. Mee was briefly famous in 2007 because she couldn't stop hiccuping. Trevena, said she was diagnosed with Tourette's Syndrome.

WORLD

*Volcano erupts in
Indonesia, 15 dead*

The Mount Merapi volcano in Indonesia erupted at least three times Tuesday, forcing thousands of nearby residents to flee. According to CNN, the eruption caused 15 deaths, including journalists staying at a guest house close to the volcano to report on the eruption. When the alarms sounded and warned of the eruption, local neighborhoods fled to the nearest refugee shelter, 2.5 miles away. Some nongovernmental relief agencies were poised to offer immediate help. One of them was World Vision Indonesia, a Christian relief and development agency.

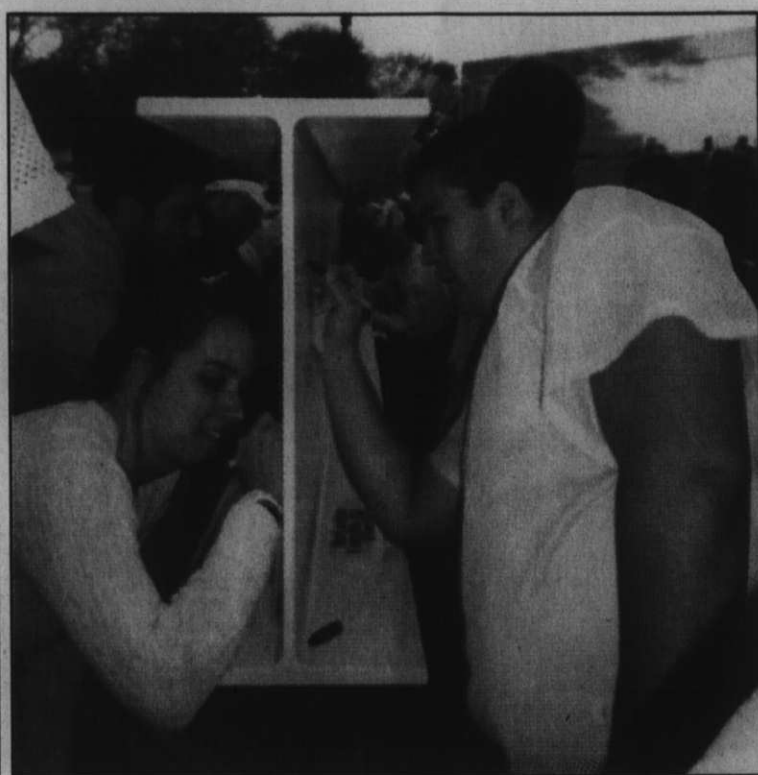
*Violence in Mexico
follows drug seize*

13 people were killed at a drug rehabilitation clinic in Tijuana on Sunday, a sign that the relative peace there celebrated recently by Mexican President Felipe Calderón himself might be fracturing. The New York Times reported that the killings in Tijuana followed the shootings of 14 youth at a party Friday night in nearby El Paso. These series of killings are thought to be tied in with the largest load of marijuana ever seized in the country's history.

-Bites compiled by Grainne Carlin

In the A&E section of the last issue, an editor erred when quoting a name of one of the 10 Minute Plays. The actual name of the play was "Amicable Parting."
While we strive to achieve excellence every week, we, too, sometimes fall short. Please send your corrections to Voice@wooster.edu

Students leave their mark on Scot Center



College students, faculty, administration and the Board of Trustees gathered to sign the commemorative beam to be hung in the Scot Center (Photo By Anthony Dominguez).

Anthony Dominguez
Senior Staff Writer

It was a beautiful, picturesque fall day for what was an exciting and historic moment for The College of Wooster and Fighting Scots athletics. On Friday, Oct. 22, Lowry back patio was host to the Scot Center Beam Signing, giving

the chance for many to leave a lasting mark on the new athletic and campus facility by signing a huge white metal beam. The beam, now graced with signatures galore, will be visible near the entrance of the new 123,000 square foot Scot Center, which is scheduled to open in January 2012.

The celebration commenced

with complementary cider and doughnuts, which went quick as ambitious students gathered to start off what was sure to be a great weekend. Athletes in and out of season joined the company of other students, faculty, administrators and the Board of Trustees, all whom were eager to leave their mark on the gigantic beam. President Grant Cornwell kicked off the celebration with some truly poetic words, describing that we were about to watch the beam, "rise like a phoenix," as it would be lifted by a crane from the work site and placed on the patio. He emphasized that the Scot center was due to the, "vision and generosity of the Board of Trustees," a sincere round of applause followed. Although the new Scot Center is primarily an athletic facility, the President stressed that it will be, "an important addition for every student at the college."

Following President Cornwell's address, Abby Smanik '11 of the Student Government Association emphasized the thanks we all owe to the Board of Trustees for making the idea of the Scot center a reality. Smanik then passed the microphone to Brandon Jacobs '11, President of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee. In a quite poetic speech, Brandon further echoed the words of President Cornwell and Smanik, expressing his thanks

to everyone involved in the project, and what a proud day it was to be a Fighting Scot athlete, supporter or student at Wooster. When Jacobs concluded, the beam was lowered down onto the patio while a bagpiper played the hair-raising tune associated with the College and Fighting Scots, just as if the beam was Longshanks and the crowd was Wallace's army.

The Board of Trustees and administrators were the first ones to leave their mark on the gigantic white beam, which suddenly appeared a lot bigger the closer it came. Not a moment after the announcement was made for students to sign the beam, the board and administration looked quick on their feet while escaping the stampede of students, athletes and supporters. The white beam rapidly began to look more zebra-esque as signatures filled in the absence of color. Joe Suliman '11 expressed how excited he was to have the opportunity to sign the beam. He said, "even though I am a senior and won't be able to use the new facility while being a student, I know my mark will be left on the new Scot Center and Fighting Scots Athletics."

The day could not have been any better for the Scot Center Beam signing. Students had another opportunity to sign the beam in front of Lowry on Monday, Oct. 25.

Campus Security Briefs

Oct. 19 — Oct. 24

Information**Vandalism**

Suspects were seen throwing bushes at each other
Suspects claim they did not uproot them
Reported broken glass on ext. door

Person w/knife

Suspect threatened people w/ knife taken by WPD
Witness contacted SPS about suspect

Assault

Victim was punched in the face at off-campus house
Suspect reportedly hit the victim in the face
Witness reported being told the suspect did it

Substance

Suspect left purse at the library with drug inside

Alcohol

Suspect drank too much, reported to SWC
Witness reported incident to SPS

Location

Kittredge Hall

Luce Hall

Scot Cottage

University St.

Andrews Library

Lowry Center

Date/Time

10/23/1:04 a.m.

10/19/6:40 a.m.

10/23/11:20 a.m.

10/24/1:59 a.m.

10/24/2:16 a.m.

10/23/1:10 a.m.

Campus political action project aids Wayne County Humane Society

Innumerable problems face the Wayne County Humane Society today. The Humane Society is a non-profit shelter, thus, it does not receive funding from the government and its existence relies solely on the donations from supporters within the surrounding communities. The WCHS suffers from overcrowding and lack of funding and supplies; as a result workers at the WCHS must often resort to euthanasia to control the overpopulation of animals in Wayne County.

A group from Professor of Communication Denise Bostdorff's Political Rhetoric class recently held a weeklong fundraiser to collect many needed supplies for the organization. The drive started on Monday, Oct. 25, and allowed for the collection of supplies to continue until Oct. 29. During this time they encouraged students to donate anything ranging from leashes to dog food to cat toys. The bins to collect items were located in residence halls and the group provided the floor residents who raised the most supplies with a pizza party.

Additionally, they will host an On-Campus Humane Society donation drive on Oct. 30 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. At this event, students can visit with animals from the shelter and learn more about how to help. There will also be a sign-up sheet for volunteers at the event, allowing people who cannot donate supplies the ability to give to the cause by donating their time.

If you have a soft spot in your heart for fuzzy creatures, look no further than the On-Campus Humane Society Donation Drive occurring this October at The College of Wooster (Photo by Emily Cherney).



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What's in Style? Denial.

I'm pretty big on keeping up with the latest trends and fads. For example, I saw the current legging trend coming in 1992 when I sported my first pair of florally-adorned stretchy pants. As someone who is fully enveloped by the now, I can tell you there is nothing more fashionable right now than denial.

I am proud to say I'm an avid denier. It's kind of like being a hater, but it's much less active, making it much cooler. To show what it takes to excel in this avant-garde domain of denial, here is a small list of some of things that are very stylish to deny right now.

Aging: I'm not getting older. I'm just getting lazier, less ambitious and more obnoxious to an increasing proportion of the population. Age has nothing to do with it. In fact, this has been my plan all along. I'm intentionally mimicking the effects of aging now so in a few decades, I will similarly be able to "youthenize" myself back to a more vibrant state and really enjoy my 50s and 60s. It's like hibernating for the winter or napping before a party, and if Joan Rivers has been doing it her whole life, so can I. Aging, denied.

Global Warming: Not real. Perfect example: the first week of October on campus. Many of you recall the plunging temperatures where nights dipped into the 40's, propelling the school to prematurely turn on the heat in Armington Hall (hint: 95 degrees is not a comfortable resting temperature in any climate — turn it down). If warming were occurring, would it have been that cold that early in the year? Absolutely not. Even if warming is occurring elsewhere, Ohio is fighting that whole climate change idea by giving us lake-effect snow, random sleet showers and late October tornados to remind us all that nothing here is ever consistent. Warming, denied.

Anyone Going For An Easy Fast Break Lay-up With Kobe Bryant Chasing Him Down From Behind

At Full Speed: Denied.

Evolution: I don't have a problem with Darwin's theory of natural selection or with the idea that we share a chromosome or 12 with apes. What bothers me about the theory of evolution is old Charlie had it backward. I can think of five separate occasions where I could have easily solved a problem by throwing feces at somebody (four of which involved meter maids), but our primitive social norms prohibited me from acting in the most advantageous way. A monkey wouldn't have thought twice about what to do. He then would have spent the rest of the day communicating with his friend in the yellow hat. We're the most highly evolved life form? Yeah, right. Denied!

The Contention That D'Nile Is Just A River In Africa: Denied.

Gravity: Yes, I've heard what goes up must come down, but I've found some very compelling counter evidence to this claim: The Internet. Once something goes up there, it's up for good. If you don't believe me, ask Kim Kardashian, Greg Oden or anyone on campus with a Facebook. Gravity theorists just borrowed their ideas from sex-ed classes and passed them off as their own. (Attraction between heavenly bodies? Please.) Deeeeenied.

Now before the campus goes up in flames and calls in Al Gore and the anchors on MSNBC for my common sense intervention, know that I don't really think all (if any) of these things aren't true. I'm just saying that if you want to convince a really good denier of something, you better be ready not only to prove it but prove you proved it as well. And denial is just too easy and hip for that to compete with. After a few minutes of strenuous proving, most people run out of steam, stop making sense, forget where they were going or start to feel woozy and before long they're... Wait, what was I trying to say? Oh, yeah. Denied.

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MOST POPULAR COSTUMES THIS HALLOWEEN AT C.O.W.



Editorial cartoon by Staff Cartoonist Gus Fuguitt. He can be reached at GFuguitt13@wooster.edu.

Bullying comes in many forms

As of late, there has been heightened national awareness to the increased instances of bullying and violence in response to Rutgers student Tyler Clementi's as well as several other students' suicides. In fact, it is suspected that suicide is the second leading cause of death among college students with about 1,100 deaths per year. Despite this increase in national attention Wooster seems to be drifting towards the opposite end of the spectrum.

Last weekend a member of a Greek group was physically assaulted purely because she was associated with the club. The event was unprovoked and thus far speaks as the climax of hatred that has been mounting towards social clubs for no apparent reason. As a member of the Greek community it's appalling to see the situation escalate to this level. Hasn't anyone learned anything from Clementi's death?

I'm appalled to know that in three

years — less for some of us — these people are going to be assimilating into the "real world" and at the college level these instances of unprovoked hatred are still something that students are forced to deal with.

The hatred doesn't seem to spawn from any direct instance or person, but rather it's for the entire group as a collective. I am well aware of the people out there who think that Greek life is nothing more than a ploy to buy your friendships. But if you feel that way then so be it — I respect that, but don't express your opinions by violating someone else's rights or slandering every member of the Greek community that you see on the weekend.

To give those who think that we buy our friends, or those who just don't really understand what our money goes toward, I'll let you know. For my group at least, and I know this is the same for many of the other groups on campus, the money that we pay every semester goes to social events that provide the campus entertainment on the weekends. The money is for you. Social gatherings are open, despite the discrimination

against the Greek community — we as a community don't discriminate when determining who is allowed to attend our social events.

In regards to the hatred — I suppose I'm left with an open-ended question: what do you get out of hating someone purely because they are in a group, slandering them in public for no reason? And why is it the Greek community that receives the brunt of this hatred?

When speaking with my mom about the subject she responded using her token phrase, "What, were these people raised by a pack of wolves?" and after the issues thus far in the semester and have to wonder is there any truth to that? I can't force these wrong-doers to change their ways but in response I can only offer you some advice — grow up. So next time you decide to yell s*&t at the next anonymous sorority girl that walks by, think about how you're making that person feel and who is providing your beverages on the weekends.

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Entrepreneurship: the other option

Personally I believe that education should not be viewed as a means to an end; rather, it should be considered an end in itself. Not many people share that view with me. The typical answer to "why did you decide to attend college?" is that the job

market rewards college graduates better than high school diploma holders. Well, if it is money that you are interested in, then there is surely a better path that you should seriously consider. I am talking about the path of self-employment.

As an economist in the making, I find it most apt to make decisions based on costs and benefits. In other words, let us look at the things you have to do in order to secure a well paying job. First, you have to work hard in your classes to maintain a rea-

sonably high GPA. Then, you have to apply for internships and jobs as you near graduation. Sometimes you may also have to deal with rejection — you fly to New York City to interview with Goldman Sachs only to learn that you failed to secure the job. Interview training, building resumes and tireless efforts of applying for jobs are a part of the job search of every graduating student. In the jargon of economics: the opportunity cost of applying for jobs is extremely high and it comes without any promises of getting you a job. The good news is that there is an alternative path that you can take to avoid all such hassles.

You can employ yourself. Our libraries are packed with books of examples of people who started a business while they were in college — and they never had to apply for a job. Instead, these people were employers hiring others right after they graduated.

Business and entrepreneurship is

the way forward; it provides you with an opportunity to use your creativity and innovation to make a profit. The things you will have to do in order to launch a business are far less time consuming than job applications (and far more interesting as well). Facebook was once an idea that was discussed among students at Harvard University; FedEx was once an idea proposed to a university professor as an in-class assignment (and the student got a C-grade). If they can do it then so can you. All you need is a sense of motivation and commitment to the purpose.

Working for someone else is a backup plan for me — if all my entrepreneurial ventures fail during my second and third year at Wooster, then I will fall back on my backup plan of getting a job. Otherwise, I look forward to hiring people.

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USMAN GUL

Students deserve class variety

I've spent much of my free time these past few weeks researching internships for the upcoming summer — it seems premature, I know, but many applications are actually due in November. Surprise! The barrier I keep butting up against

for these internships is not that a stipend isn't offered or that I would have to find my own housing (though these are certainly problems I'll have to solve when the time comes). Rather, I'm finding that I'm not qualified for many of the internships because I haven't taken "appropriate coursework" in the area. For instance, I've

never had the opportunity to take a book-publishing course or advanced journalism, which rules out the possibility of spending a summer with Scholastic or Time Magazine — lofty goals, I know, but it would have been nice to at least qualify to apply for them.

I do understand why this is the case. We are a small college, not a university teeming with tens of thousands of undergrads. We benefit in countless ways from attending Wooster, but our all-encompassing liberal arts education is sorely lacking in originality in some regards. In some schools, for example, food science is an actual major, and can prepare students for entering the field in ways that a degree in a general science simply can't do.

At the same time, I also have a friend of a friend who once designed his own major in his greatest passion, broccoli. He went on to achieve great success working in close contact with his most beloved cruciferous vegetable — but what if no researchers wanted to study broccoli at the time of his graduation? With such a specific field of study, he ran a huge risk of driving himself into a corner.

I'm not suggesting that Wooster add a class in the Chemistry of Broccoli (in fact, I would prefer that we don't), but it would be nice to have some more variety in our classes.

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KRIS FRONZAK

International
Insight

Summer of 2008 was a memorable time in my life not only because of the switch to higher education, but also the experience of living and learning in a foreign country. I know coming to college is a big shift for everyone. As an international student,

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I wasn't just dealing with moving to college but also with adopting to a new culture, speaking in English all the time, sharing space with an American roommate, and writing much lengthier assignments than I had ever written before.

One part of coming to college is meeting a lot of new people. Some of these meetings are friendly and amiable, though sometimes I received a blank stare when I mention that I am from Ethiopia. I understand that it is not because of meanness that they stare, but that they have no clue where Ethiopia is or even if it is a country. That usually intrigues me because after having lived in Ethiopia all my life, the notion of calling this place home has truly shaped my identity. And yet I was meeting people who didn't even know what Ethiopia was. Thus, I feel the need to say some general facts about Ethiopia.

Ethiopia is a country located in the horn of Africa, with an estimated population of 80.7 million. The capital city is Addis Ababa, founded in 1886 by Emperor Menelik II. Addis Ababa is a big city bustling with people from the different parts of Ethiopia. I am from an area called Sar Bet right in the heart of Addis Ababa. Being from the capital, I am used to a busy city life. In my case, I was busy with school, and then there were the big family get togethers and just hanging out with friends. This was my life until senior year of high school.

In my senior year of high school, I started thinking about college and my dad suggested that I apply to colleges in America. With the help of my advisor, I ended up applying to schools that I had never heard of before. Wooster was one of the schools that accepted me. As an abroad student, I had few resources to familiarize myself with Wooster. Everything I learned about the College was from their website.

After I made my decision I remember feeling like Wooster was just a far away land in my imagination. It was unreal to me that I was about to leave everything: my family, my friends, my school, my culture and in some ways, my identity, to come to such a foreign place, a place that I just recently knew existed. The reality of coming to Wooster finally hit me after the 24-hour plane trip and an hour drive from Cleveland, when I saw a sign declaring the vicinity of "The College of Wooster." Ever since my Wooster experience has been a roller coaster.

My first year was filled with a lot of new experiences; I saw snow for the first time and survived my first winter. I saw my first spring when life sprung out of the remnants of a dreary cold winter. I felt the harsh sun shining down on my skin in my first summer and wept with the trees when they lost their leaves in my first fall. I also wrote my first ten-page paper for an FYS class, which was quite an accomplishment then.

Now, as a junior, Wooster feels like my second home. I remember this past summer, sitting in the Akron Airport getting ready to drive back to Wooster after spending the summer home and I actually felt excited to see my friends, teachers, advisors, counselors and Lowry workers. And that was when I realized that Wooster is not only my school, but also my home away from home.

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Thinking about Independent Study is a pretty daunting task. Being committed to a single topic for an entire school year is probably the longest relationship I will have in my college career. My Junior I.S. addressed the significance of SSRI (selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor) antidepressants on the public perception of depression, which I decided was a little too bleak to continue for my Senior I.S.

I had no clue what I wanted to write my I.S. about until the summer after junior year was well under way in my hometown of Birmingham, Al. Having recently turned 21, I took full advantage of the bar scene in Birmingham and found that most of the places I frequented stocked a number of different beers I had never heard of. I heard terms like porter, IPA, imperial IPA, stout and was thoroughly confused. However, thanks to the friendly bartenders at the J. Clyde and On Tap Sports Bar and Grill, two of my favorite bars in Birmingham, I learned about all different styles of beer, that they were more complex in flavor and production than the Keystone Light that can be found at most of the parties on campus.

The real eye-opener for me was the Magic City Brewfest, a beer tasting event that was held over a period of two days with over 50 breweries, most of which were from the Deep South. What I noticed was the enthusiasm people had for exclusively regional and local beer.

One of the primary sponsors for this event was a non-profit organization called Free the Hops. At this point in the event, I still didn't know what hops were except I had a slight inclination that they were an ingredient in beer. However, this Free the Hops table at Brewfest was handing out stickers and beer glasses, which intrigued me. What I found out from talking to representatives of Free the Hops was that beer and brewing was in trouble in the state of Alabama. The state is known as the buckle of the Bible Belt, which didn't help aspiring brewers who wanted to brew craft beer. Craft beer is known for having complex flavor compositions, which typically has a higher ABV (alcohol by volume) percentage, and that doesn't work well for the Southern Baptists that make up a great deal of the state's population, who have a very negative view towards alcohol consumption. Other issues that complicated things for brewers and the beer business were other restrictions on container size and locations of draft sales given the number of dry counties in the state. Beer was now a political issue in my state, and that triggered a real interest. Why was beer so significant? Was it evolving into an art form and therefore gaining legitimacy? Thus, an I.S. topic was born.

I am writing my I.S. on the craft beer and microbrewing movement and its significance in changing

consumer culture in the United States. I want to prove that craft beer shows demonstrate how Americans' beer standards have changed because of political and social changes. Beer has now taken a turn to a local, authentic, and traditional craftsmanship sense, rather than the previous mass-produced, industrial and bland nature. One might notice these trends in local foods, clothing, furniture and art. Part of this shift in wanting a more unique product is a result of Americans growing tired of the mass-consumer culture that has defined the United States since the beginning of the Cold War. My research consists of studies done on American consumer culture, observation of the microbrew movement, American beer history books, beer tasting guides and a variety of interviews. Part of my studies also include some ethnographic and field research, so naturally I have taken part in my share of beer tastings, festivals, educational talks and generating a new appreciation for the brewpub scene.

Since my project deals with very recent history, there are few scholarly sources on the development of craft beer alone. Therefore I have focused a great deal of research on testimonials given by those who experienced the resurgence and growth of microbreweries. Since the beginning of the fall semester, I have contacted over 60 breweries across the U.S., outlining my research and asking them to meet with me for interviews.

With the help of Copeland funding, I will travel to Colorado and California to meet with brewers and beer enthusiasts, some of which include Sierra Nevada, Lagunitas, Great Divide, Boulder Beer, Wynkoop, Breckenridge and others. Not only will I be able to meet with these brewers, but I



Above, Sandy MacKay '11 hugs her favorite bartender Ellen Blackburn at the On Tap Sports Bar and Grill in Birmingham, Al (Photo courtesy Sandy MacKay).



Above, Claire Burnes '12 and Sandy MacKay '11 enjoy a Sweetwater IPA beer at the J.Clyde in Birmingham, Al. (Photo courtesy of Sandy MacKay).

will be able to experience and observe the beer community where craft beer started: San Francisco. In addition to my Western travels, I have spoken with brewers from Michigan and Ohio, including Great Lakes Brewing Co., Thirsty Dog, Bell's, and New Holland. I even received a phone call from the Boston Beer Company (better known as Samuel Adams), which proves that craft breweries large and small are eager to find historical legitimacy and recognition as a movement.

My first interview was with Wooster alum Andy Tveekrem '85, who was a brewmaster for Great Lakes Brewing Company in Cleveland and the illustrious Dogfish Head Brewing Company in Delaware. Tveekrem is currently making moves to construct his very own brewpub in Cleveland. He is nothing short of a brewing icon and after our interview as well as a lecture given by the Center for Entrepreneurship, I, along with a few peers and professors attended a fantastic beer tasting at the Wooster Inn.

It was a rare occasion on campus to be able to discuss the depth and variety of beers at the tasting, as well as trading ideas for food and beer pairings. Overall, my first interview was a success. Tveekrem basically said everything I was trying to prove about patterns

of consumption, especially in regard to the baby boomer generation looking for something new to identify with.

While tasting is enjoyable, I want to make my ethnographic research all-inclusive and hope to discover every possible avenue of the craft brewing community. During Fall Break, I attended a tutorial and walk-through of the home brewing process at the Brew Mentor, in Mentor, Oh. The Brew Mentor is a small shop nestled in a large commercial strip center in a suburb of the East side of Cleveland and offers supplies as well as instruction for home brewing and wine making. I learned a tremendous amount about home brewing during this seminar, and even had a chance to participate in the brewing process by helping a member of the audience brew a batch of Christmas ale.

Throughout the seminar, everyone in attendance took notes and asked thoughtful questions, leaving me no doubt that the brewing movement will continue to grow. The I.S. process for me is always evolving, as I am learning something new about beer and brewing daily. I will plug along and record interviews with not only brewers, but consumers and beer advocates as well to gain a comprehensive knowledge of this emerging beer society.

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Feel-good Asian cuisine found at Hop Hing

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Students at Wooster know that if you want to eat something other than Lowry or Mom's, your selection of restaurants could be, to say the least, a bit limited. Sure, there is a small selection of quaint restaurants downtown with a family-oriented or date atmosphere to them, but sometimes there is a drive for something more, the desire for something salty, sweet, crunchy and spicy all at the same time — I speak, of course, of one of Wooster's finest eating establishments, Hop Hing. The small, dorm room-sized restaurant is just a short walk north up Beall Ave. It isn't the fine aesthetics or amazing service that makes Hop Hing one of Wooster's true gems, it's the availability and amazing quality of the food. If you want an intimate setting, some place with candles and an actual waiter, drive up to Wild Ginger. If you are looking for the best wonton soup in town and an extremely reasonably priced menu, you can't go wrong with Hop Hing. Personally, I have a long history and love for Asian-inspired foods, especially Chinese. And time after time, the places that serve the best lo mein with the crunchiest egg rolls are generally the hole in the wall, sketchy, single counter, take-out establishments.

Most of the time, the more neon lights in the window promising yummy, delicious noodles or hot-



Hop Hing, a Chinese restaurant located on Beall Avenue, provides delicious dishes for a low price (Photo by Lee McKinstry).

soups the better. Hop Hing has three or four tables and a couple of chairs, so if you decide to eat your food there, you may do so, but don't expect a waiter and traditional service; this is Chinese take-out at its finest.

When your order is up, one of the workers behind the counter will yell out a number and you are expected to grab your food quickly and move aside — much like the soup-Nazi in the classic episode of Seinfeld. Politely and quietly get your food and let the massive line behind you

order. This is the best part of the Hop Hing experience: sitting down, opening your bag and digging in to your tiny plastic container filled with what can only be described as foods of the gods. The majority of people I have come across are big fans of the General Tsao's or sesame chicken, crispy, sweet and spicy all in one. If you aren't looking for something so heavy, however, I recommend either the Kung Pao chicken or beef and broccoli; both excellent choices. If you're going all out

and get some appetizers as well, you really can't go wrong with the crab rangoon or delicious wonton soup. So what keeps the customers coming back? Go on any Friday or Sunday evening and ask the guy waiting in a line that's twenty people long. He'll tell you it's good, cheap and convenient. The next time you go to Hop Hing remember above all else that you really can't get something bad, so try something new, something delicious, something daring, something truly Wooster.

Pakistan film program provides new perspective

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This summer, I participated in a documentary-making workshop in Lahore, Pakistan, which also happens to be my home city. The Lilly Project funded my proposal to attend an extensive and rigorous workshop that was designed to expose students to rural life in Pakistan as well as train them in operating sophisticated cameras to make documentaries.

The first two weeks of the workshop were allocated to extensive training related to the use of cameras, the use of voice-overs in documentaries and other necessary skills that are required for documentary making. The last two weeks of the workshop were designed to expose students to the countryside through first-hand experience. Thus, I undertook a road trip to villages and val-

leys in western and northern Pakistan with a group of twelve students and two supervisors. At this point I was oblivious of the norms and morals of rural life and cultures in Pakistan.

During the journey we visited over 12 villages and five valleys. At one village, called Nowshera, the society was extremely conservative and strictly religious — thus, growing a goatee was viewed as disrespect to the Muslim tradition of growing beards and wearing jeans was considered an effort to advance the Western culture. As an agnostic with very liberal views on religion, naturally I found myself to be a misfit in my own country. This was when I realized that I had always lived in a small and secluded segment of the Pakistani society that was sheltered from the larger society through their more affluent backgrounds. My

friends and I had grown up reading American novels, listening to The Backstreet Boys, Nirvana and watching English movies; because of this history, I never really understood the vast differences in culture between the U.S. and Pakistan.

Viewing this as an opportunity to learn more about my home country, I shaved my goatee, replaced my outfit with a more traditional dress and I was ambitiously committed to "fit in" to the society of Nowshera. I found a group of locals who were willing to accept me as part of their group as now I appeared to be one of them with my traditional dress, brown skin and a growing beard.

I spent two days with them which were perhaps the most insightful days of my life in terms of personal and intellectual growth. I went to the mosque, had meals

from roadside vendors along busy highways and ate with my fingers, sharing the same bowl with a group of four people.

My efforts to temporarily redefine my criterion of hygiene, physical outfit, and religious conservatism paid off. In a few days time, I learned more about the Pakistani society than I had ever known in my eighteen years of growing up in Pakistan.

Through my summer experience I learned that exploring vastly different cultures and societies had its own charm. Being part of a group of illiterate, conservative Muslims provided me with a lot of insight. In my opinion, it is hard to evaluate the worth of the opportunities that are available to us without drawing a comparison to those who do not have the same opportunities.

Greek Insight

Many first-years are confused with the whole "rush process." First of all, rushing a Greek organization does not mean that you have joined or affiliated yourself with them in any way. Rush is an opportunity for you to explore, get to know and introduce yourself to Greek organizations, as well as a chance for them to get to know you. You are



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under no obligation to join the Greek system just because you are rushing. At the end of the rush process, each organization extends formal invitations or bids to the rushes who would fit, enjoy themselves and add a new element to the chapter. If a student accepts a bid, then they have agreed to participate in the pledging process in order to become a proud, active member of that respective group. Remember, just because you are a rush doesn't mean you will get a bid.

Why rush? First and foremost, decide why you are rushing. You should never want to rush a fraternity or sorority just because your other friends are doing it. Don't worry; they will still be down the hall. This is an opportunity to meet people throughout the campus and from all walks of life. I once had a rush tell me he wanted to join a fraternity to party and meet "chicks." First-years, especially, need to realize that joining a Greek organization requires a substantial commitment that includes meetings, service hours and on-and-off campus events. Don't think that you will be able to show up to just the social events; Greek life is a commitment, but at the same time it is a commitment that you should be passionate about.

How do I go about this process of rushing? Let's be honest, you're going to want to try and impress whatever Greek group it is that has caught your eye, but try and remember that their interest lies in you, not how much you can excessively drink, what kind of money you come from or how many notches you have on the ole' belt. Be your usual, sociable and friendly self. Sure, actives will be watching how you act in social situations, but try not to be intimidated; they're just as interested in finding potential members as you are to find a group to join. Ask questions about the chapter because this lets the members know you interested in joining the ranks. Find out the time commitment, financial commitment, the benefits and the downfalls of each group. Don't pick a name or a set of Greek letters. Also, try not to be deterred by stereotypes; you're going to hear them about any group, so find out for yourself what each group is all about.

Is it too late to rush as a sophomore or junior? Personally, I feel that is never too late to rush. In all my years of college, I have rushed and pledged two fraternities. When I was a first-year, I didn't really understand the point to rush; I just went to meet people so they would invite me to their parties. As I hung out with each of the guys in the fraternity, I was finding that I had more in common with them than I had anticipated. I found a group of guys that really shared my interests. I began to realize that I wanted to be a part of something larger than myself. At Texas A&M, I joined the nationally-affiliated fraternity Delta Tau Delta as a sophomore. When I transferred, I loved fraternity life so much that I went through the entire process again to become a Phi Omega Sigma at the College as a junior. Even if you don't get a bid to the fraternity or sorority you want as a first-year, try to hang out with the members on a more personal basis. Who knows, there's always next year.

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Going Green @ Wooster

Going Green is as easy as skipping the hamburger or chicken nuggets a couple times a week. Meatless Monday, a non-profit initiative in association with the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, challenges people all over the globe to cut meat out of their diet one day a week in hopes of reducing meat consumption by 15 percent. This is a small sacrifice that makes a huge difference in the condition of our planet.

Meatless Monday's comprehensive website explains the specific environmental benefits that come from participating in this challenge:

Reduce your carbon footprint: The United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization estimates the meat industry generates nearly one-fifth of the man-made greenhouse gas emissions that are accelerating climate change worldwide — far more than transportation. And annual worldwide demand for meat continues to grow. Reigning in meat consumption once a week can help slow this trend.

Minimize water usage: The water needs of livestock are tremendous, far above those of vegetables or grains. An estimated 1,800 to 2,500 gallons of water go into a single pound of beef. Soy tofu produced in California re-

quires 220 gallons of water per pound.

Help reduce fossil fuel dependence: On average, about 40 calories of fossil fuel energy go into every calorie of feed lot beef in the U.S. Compare this to the 2.2 calories of fossil fuel energy needed to produce one calorie of plant-based protein. Moderating meat consumption is a great way to cut fossil fuel demand.

Did you know that the College of Wooster has already joined the Monday Movement? With the Vegetarian Station at Lowry and the daily vegetarian lunch at Kittredge, as well as the other

various options at Old Main, The C-Store (now MacLeod's), Mom's and Pop's, the College has made it easy for students to support this cause. So, make next Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, meatless — and go green.

www.meatlessmonday.com is also a great source for articles about the cause, blogs written by supporters and meatless recipes. You can even download a free "Meatless Monday Toolkit" that includes information that you can share about the movement with others.

"Catfish" reveals reality of online relationships

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When Nev first saw Megan, he thought she was beautiful. The first time he heard her play piano, he told her she sounded like a professional. After they stayed up full nights talking, Nev would later confess to his brother that he thought he was "falling for her." The only thing that was keeping the two apart was the fact that they had never actually met.

The documentary "Catfish" follows a romance that is untraditional in many senses of the word — most evidently in the fact that neither of the two lovers had seen each other outside of Facebook.

It started when Nev, a freelance photographer in New York City, received a painting of one of his photos in the mail.

It was from a little girl named Abby from Michigan, who said she saw his photos on the Internet and wondered if he could send her more to paint.

Soon, a full-on Internet correspondence blossomed, first with Abby, then her mother Angela, and finally her half-sister Megan. Nev's brother Ariel Schulman and his friend Henry Joost filmed the whole thing, hoping to eventually make a documentary about how the Inter-

net affects human relationships.

But what started out as a simple documentary about love in the cyber-age turned into something much more disturbing when Nev begins to wonder if the Megan on

their own sneaking suspicions about who might meet them at the end of their cross-country journey.

They're wrong. And when Nev stares slack-jawed into the camera at one point near the end of

real life. The courtship that Megan and Nev share, though technology-assisted, is awkward and endearing in a way that can't be scripted.

The audience witnesses two people fall in love, and given what comes after, it resonates almost hauntingly over the rest of the film. There is no doubt that something real was shared between Nev and Megan.

But after the revelation of the finale comes, the audience is left to wonder at what cost we pay for human connection.

The filmmakers are also careful not to be exploitive of the stories they found when they turned off the computer and stepped into real life.

There are no real villains in this story, just lonely people. Before watching the film, some people might doubt the

"Gotcha!" moment was authentic; that Joost and Shulman didn't do a little investigating of their own before driving to Michigan to unearth the truth.

Any suspicions, however, are flipped and destroyed when you see who opens that door.

How well do you think you know your "friends"?



Nev Schulman, Ariel Schulman and Henry Joost at the "Catfish" documentary premiere (Photo courtesy of AP).

the Internet was the same Megan he would find in real life.

Clues begin to emerge in the forms of strangely similar sounding YouTube recordings of the songs Megan sent Nev, and investigations into the art career of little Abby. When Nev, Ariel and Henry finally decide to try to meet Megan and her family in real life, they have

the film, speechless, you'll be right there with him.

I won't say any more, except that the crashing conclusion to this film stayed with me for days. What makes "Catfish" brilliant, besides the sheer luck that Ariel and Henry were there to record the whole thing, is its subtlety.

There is no doubting that this is

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Every night, we have the opportunity to live our fantasies through the stories of a myriad of characters on television.



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But there's one show out there that allows you the step in to the private lives of women in

suburbia and witness a lot of comedic and dramatic events.

In October of 2004, "Desperate Housewives" premiered on ABC and was one of the most controversial and talked about TV series that year. The program opened with housewife Mary Alice Young narrating the final moments of her life and she proceeded to commit suicide after she received a mysterious note. The first season finale revealed Mary Alice's dark past and provided a platform for four housewives to tell their outrageous and crazy adventures on Wisteria Lane.

A lot has changed since the first episode, but in season seven, I am finding several of the images of the housewives are taking interesting new directions. Susan, played by Terri Hatcher, has moved away from the neighborhood and now lives in an apartment with her husband, Mike, and son AJ.

Her husband's plumbing business failed due to the collapse of the economy, forcing the family to move or face foreclosure on their home. Susan befriends her landlord Maxine, who invites her to join her online business, "Va-Va-Broom," a web camera service that follows women in lingerie cleaning their homes.

Yes, Susan begins to fall into a small faction of the adult entertainment industry. It's comical how she plays a teasing and naughty vixen in front of an online crowd of mostly men, but it makes me sad that she has to rely on the sexual nature of her body to bring in extra cash for her family. She can't keep fooling Mike that she's making this extra money from her jewelry line.

I cannot personally speak for all women who may find themselves in similar situations like Susan's, but her story serves as a reminder that in times of desperate need, some women may feel they have no other option but to sell some part of their body.

Bree, portrayed by Marcia Cross, the proper conservative red-head, recently divorced her husband Orson and is lusting after her tempting carpenter Keith (Brian Austin Green). Though she is portrayed as a high and mighty Christian, her pursuit of Keith seems to reference that a new man in her life will give her a new hobby and fulfill all of her needs.

This is a very creative way of making her storyline continuously juicy, but why is her only opportunity for moving on sex? Maybe she should find better a solution for starting over that does not involve hunting after men.

Sex sells on "Desperate Housewives," but does it go too far? Certain images and situations of everyday women are being tested and portrayed on the show all the time, so the best way to answer this question is to watch and see what happens.

You can catch new episodes of the TV

Preview of fall play *Iphegnia and Other Daughters*

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This weekend the department of Theatre and Dance will present a unique Fall production, "Iphegnia and Other Daughters." The production is a combined retelling of three classic Greek plays, "Iphegnia at Aulis," "Electra" and "Iphegnia at Tauris." "Iphegnia and Other Daughters" brings a contemporary perspective to these archetypal stories and gives more voice and insight into the female characters.

"Iphegnia and Other Daughters" focuses on the stories of the women of the House of Atreus and quietly and poetically parallels these mythological tales with present-day women's experiences in war.

The play examines dysfunctional family dynamics that are still relevant today, for there is competition for the title of favorite daughter and a general lack of communication. There is also a prominent theme of in-family prejudices which results in the lack of desire to get to know the members of the family they already hate.

The show is directed by Season Ellison, a visiting professor at the College in the department of Theatre and Dance. Professor Ellison is excited about the modern breadth this production can give to Greek plays and encourages students to leave all preconceived no-

tions at the door. If you come to see the show you will experience a night filled with storytelling and a unique, modernized immersion into greek theatrics.

"Iphegnia and Other Daughters" has 11 cast members, which is relatively small by typical Fall productions standards at the College. While the cast may be small there is a very large emphasis on the participation of the ensemble, something that is particularly atypical for a play. Each of the roles is equally significant so most of the rehearsal time was spent developing the ensemble dynamic.

Almost two weeks of the rehearsal process was dedicated to educating the actors on what it means to be in such a unique kind of production and on special acting techniques. Cast member Matthew Simpson '14 explained that they used a method called "Viewpoints." Instead of going through the process of memorizing lines in the first two weeks, Viewpoints gave the cast the opportunity to learn how to express themselves through movement. The Viewpoints method is done in silence in an effort to emphasize the expression of actor's body.

Simpson said "using the Viewpoints method helped [them] to develop our characters and work together as an ensemble. Viewpoints helped make our cast stronger."

Developing a working relationship within a show that has an emphasis on an ensemble is crucial to a successful performance of "Iphegnia and Other Daughters."

This process has significantly enhanced the ability of the cast to do justice to this modern Greek work that, if not approached correctly, could fall on its face.

"Iphegnia and Other Daughters" has the potential to give us a new way to consider Greek dramas.

The unique and professional approach of this rehearsal process will make for an interesting end result.

The show opened Thursday and will run Friday and Saturday at 8:15 p.m. Tickets are available at the Freedlander Theater Box office and can be pur-



The official poster for "Iphegnia and Other Daughters" (Photo by Christopher Seeds).

chased at the door up to 15 minutes before the show begins. It is suggested to purchase tickets ahead of time because the performances are during Parents Weekend. Late seating will not be permitted during the production.

Wooster Street Style

As part of "Spirit Day," Matthew Simpson '14 wears purple in memory of the lives lost to gay bullying and abuse. A fashionable activist, Simpson pairs his lavender sweater with an oxford and dark cordoroy. Wooster Street Style caught up with Simpson outside of Lowry in time to ask him about his style staples.

1) What does your style say about you?

I think my style says that I'm preppy. The look shows a business casual feel with a modern twist.

2) What is one staple of your style?

I really think a solid V-neck cotton sweater is a good choice. They look good over a collared shirt and keep you warm. You can get them at almost any retail store for a great price, too.



Matthew Simpson '14 dons a color-coordinated purple ensemble in honor of "Spirit Day" a nationally observed day of remembrance of gay bullying and abuse (Photo by Linda Kuster).

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Fighting Scots football falls to Wash. University St. Louis

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After starting the season with a paltry 0-2 record, the Fighting Scots rallied off their next three wins to advance to 3-2 and looked like real contenders for the NCAC crown. But, hard times are here again as the Scots have found themselves back below .500 and needing to win out to keep their NCAC title hopes alive. On Oct. 16, Washington University in St. Louis came to John P. Papp stadium fresh off an impressive win over Wabash College and was looking to knock off another traditional NCAC power. It was a defensive battle with some late excitement, but unfortunately Wash. U. came out on top in a low scoring affair, winning 14-13.

The game started off great for Wooster as the defense hounded Wash. U. in St. Louis quarterback Steve Sherman into throwing interceptions on the second and third drives of the day. But the Scots' offense, which had been dynamic during its winning streak, was unable to capitalize on the good field position. The Scots found the end zone a bit later in the first quarter, when Richard Barnes '14 found Mike Redick '11 in the end zone to take a 7-0 lead. Wash. U. wasn't shaken by the early touchdown as it put together their best drive of the day to tie the game. It would remain that way until the fourth quarter when Wash. U. turned an interception from Richard Barnes into a 72-yard touchdown drive to put Wash. U. up 14-7. But, with eight minutes remaining, Barnes and the Scot offense were able to put together a touchdown drive capped by a 16-yard touchdown from Barnes to Jordan McIntyre '13 to make it 14-13.



Wooster's football team practices in preparation for their game against Washington University in St. Louis (photo by Aleksandra Tsybulskaya).

A missed extra point by Ryan Minor '13 kept the Scots down by one with three minutes to go. Luckily, the Scots' defense forced a punt and got the ball back with two minutes left. Wooster was able to move the ball up the field until a miscommunication on a handoff between Barnes and running back Brandon Taylor '14 ended up in a fumble recovered by Wash. U. to end the game.

It was a defensive battle all day as each team had problems finding the end zone.

The biggest problem for the Scots wasn't the Wash. U. defense, it was their own mistakes. Wooster had three turnovers, and also had 100 yards worth of penalties, including two big ones on their final drive. Barnes had a solid game, going 21-32 with 179 yards passing with two

touchdowns and also led the Scots in rushing yards with 72 yards on 17 carries. Redick hauled in eight catches for 58 yards and a touchdown. Defensively, Matt Breidigam '12 and Rob Holtz '13 each had interceptions, and Eric Keyes '11 led the defense with 10 tackles.

Penalties were also costly against Case Western Reserve University. Case Western has had Wooster's number the last few years, especially last season, when the Spartans handed the Scots their first loss at a night game, 53-32.

The Scots were the underdogs coming into last week's game, as the Spartans sat nicely at 6-0 and had won its last 37 regular season games. The game started out rough, as Case Western jumped out to a 21-7 lead before halftime as Case West-

ern quarterback Joey Baum threw three touchdowns in the first half. Wooster would score the lone points of the third quarter on a two-yard touchdown run.

Coming into the fourth quarter, Wooster was down by seven and looking to push for another score when the Scots again committed late mistakes.

After forcing a three and out, the Scots were back to receive the punt. Taylor Trout '12 fair caught the ball at about the 50-yard line, giving Wooster great field position, or it would've been great field position had the Scots not committed a roughing the kicker penalty which gave Case Western a second chance that they did not waste, driving from their own nine yard line for a 91-yard touchdown drive to make the

score 28-14.

Wooster wouldn't challenge offensively again, and that's how the game ended. Barnes again looked solid going 24-for-35 with one interception for 159 yards and one touchdown. It was a big day for Redick with his six catches for 59 yards, he became only the thirteenth wide receiver in school history to have 1,000 career receiving yards. Keyes piled up 17 tackles and one fumble.

Next week, the Scots continue their conference schedule against 1-6 Hiram University at home. This is the start of a three-game homestand to end the season. Wooster is currently in fourth place in the NCAC behind Wittenberg University (8-0, 4-0 NCAC), Wabash University (6-1, 4-0 NCAC), and Allegheny College (5-2, 3-1 NCAC).

Wooster earns eighth NCAC victory against rival Denison

Graham Zimmerman
Sports Editor

After falling to the nationally-ranked Wittenberg University 3-0 (25-15, 25-11, 25-18) last Friday evening in Timken Gymnasium, the volleyball team rebounded to upend North Coast Athletic Conference rival Denison University 3-1 (25-21, 25-9, 23-25, 25-23) this past weekend in Granville, Ohio.

Volleyball fans came out in force Friday evening as Wooster (17-12, 8-4 NCAC) battled Wittenberg (23-2, 13-1 NCAC), currently ranked No. 3 in the American Volleyball Coaches Association poll.

Unfortunately, Wooster could not match the height of Wittenberg at the net, posting only a .90 hitting percentage, the lowest so far this season.

In a losing effort, Sarah Hawke '12 led the Scots with six kills and two



Wooster's Kelley Johnson '13 prepares to serve the ball against Wittenberg University (photo by Aleksandra Tsybulskaya).

assists. Paige Parker '14 (five kills) and Erica Skillman '14 (four kills) followed Hawke statistically.

The Scots traveled to Granville the next day to play Denison. Following a strong first set victory, the Scots

switched gears in the second set to down the Denison Big Red 25-9. Lizzie Beal '12 started Wooster with

eight straight service points, providing a cushion that the Scots would never let go. Wooster went on to record a .588 hitting percentage in the second set, with 10 kills and zero errors on 17 attempts.

The Big Red came back to win the third set, but the Scots would not be swayed. Margaret Raabe '12 served an ace on the final point of the fourth set to give the Fighting Scots their eighth NCAC victory of the season.

Skillman and Parker led the Scots each with 12 kills. Erin Webster '14 supported the Scots with seven kills and 11 digs. Beal posted 25 assists and Autumn Berry '14 had 21. Kelley Johnson '13 led the Scots defense with 21 digs.

The Wooster volleyball team will finish up its regular season this Saturday at 1 p.m. when it travels to play Hiram College (21-9, 11-1 NCAC).

DONNELLY'S DOMAIN

The NFL should focus on tackling domestic violence

As I got ready to watch football games with my family over fall break, I turned on the TV to watch the Pittsburgh Steelers play the Cleveland Browns. It was quarter-



MARGARET
DONNELLY

back Ben Roethlisberger's debut game this season, and the hype of his return and the rivalry between the two teams was overshadowed by the abundance of hot pink accessories worn by the players and coaches on the field.

Players, coaches and fans could be seen wearing accents of hot pink towels, sweatbands, shoes, shoelaces, hats, skull caps, sweat-shirts, t-shirts and more. The juxtaposition of some of America's most athletic and masculine men wearing hot pink succeeded in starting the conversation about breast cancer awareness. As the



Cardinals running back Tim Hightower sports a pink bandana in an effort to raise awareness about breast cancer (photo courtesy of AP).

game went on, though, I couldn't help but wonder was any of this necessary? Was anybody unaware that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month? Could NFL players wearing pink really help save the lives of women with breast cancer?

The majority of Americans are acutely aware that October is Breast

Cancer Awareness Month. Foundations such as the Susan G. Komen Foundation sponsor thousands of 5Ks across the nation to bring awareness and support women who have or have had breast cancer. Celebrities lend their names to the cause, urging women over 40 to get a mammogram every year with

the hope of preventing or discovering breast cancer at an early stage. Some Facebook posts are supposed to remind women to schedule yearly mammograms and do self-checks for breast cancer throughout the years.

It seemed to me that Americans are very aware of breast cancer during the month of October, and that the NFL's abundance of pink accessories was unnecessary and way over the top.

While many are aware of breast cancer, doctors and researchers still need the funding to discover new ways of treating the disease or even to find a cure. With the money that the NFL spent to outfit its players and coaches in pink gear, it could have cut a check to several foundations or research centers and used the money to directly help women suffering from the disease.

Since there are already so many organizations championing the awareness of breast cancer, I wondered if the NFL would consider using its power and prestige as an institution to highlight another organization.

For example, October is also Domestic Violence Awareness Month, an issue that has affected a number of NFL players and their families.

I think it would be much more powerful to have these football players, some who have been accused of committing violent acts against women, to stand up and put an end to domestic violence.

Those women, perhaps more than women suffering from breast cancer, need people to speak for them by creating awareness about domestic violence.

I don't think that the NFL is wrong to support breast cancer awareness or that it's not a meaningful cause for many people in the NFL or who support its teams. However, it seems to me that the gaudy display of pink in the name of awareness could be used to support another cause that is in need of support and the NFL's powerful position could bring relief to others as well.

Friday, October 29, 2010

Field hockey rolls by NCAC competition

Mike Haggerty
Sports Editor

The Wooster field hockey team has dominated the competition in the last couple of weeks, winning their last seven matches and bringing their season record to a very impressive 11-5.

The Scots began this impressive run with a 9-0 victory over Earlham College (2-13, 0-10 NCAC) and then went on to defeat Transylvania University (1-12) 8-1. Amanda Artman '10 and Laura German '13 led the Scots with two goals apiece against Transylvania.

On Oct. 17, the Scots faced off against the University of Rochester (7-9) in one of the most intense matches of the season. After falling behind 3-1 midway through the second half, Wooster scored three unanswered goals to defeat Rochester in double overtime.

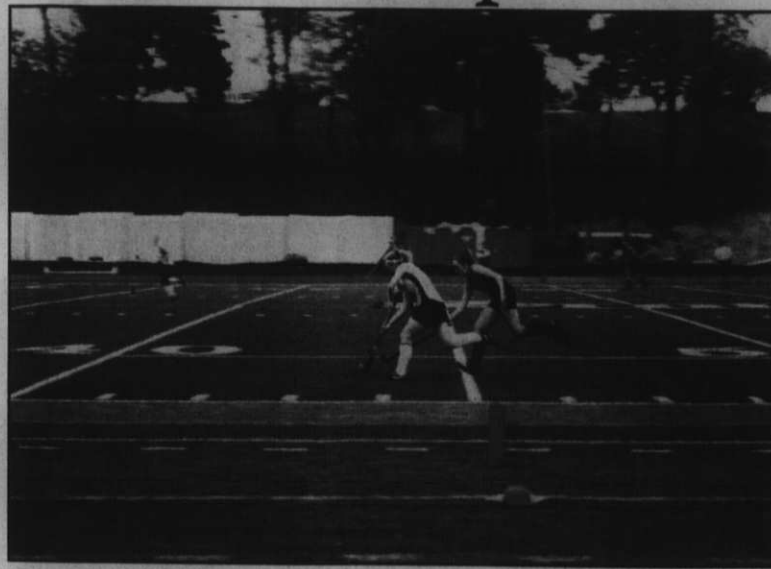
Artman once again led the Scots with two goals, but it was Clare Nelson-Johnson '13 who scored the game-winning goal in double overtime. This goal marked Nelson-

Johnson's third of the season and only the fourth of her young collegiate career.

Not long after their stellar comeback against the University of Rochester, the Scots once again faced another non-conference opponent at Ithaca College (5-8). Initially the Bombers took the lead with a goal early in the first half by Tracy Rivas. Soon however, Wooster tied up the match with a goal by Nikki Sever '14. Although the match remained close the Scots were able to put away the victory in the second half with three unanswered goals by Kate Valora '11, Nelson-Johnson and Eileen Barrer '11.

The Scots returned to NCAC action on Oct. 20, facing off against Denison University (6-10, 4-6 NCAC). This match proved to be one of Wooster's toughest battles of the season and Wooster squeaked past the Big Red with a 2-1 victory behind Artman's game-winning goal 23 minutes into the first half.

The Scots went on to face Kenyon College (10-9, 8-3 NCAC) on Oct. 23. Wooster once again dominated



The Scots' field hockey heads down field on a break away against Kenyon College last Saturday. (photo by Scott Krugel)

the game late in the second half, securing a victory when Barrer scored in the final 10 minutes of the match to place the Scots up 3-1 over the Ladies.

On Sunday the Scots took on St. Vincent College (3-12) in what proved to be an entirely one-sided contest. Artman recorded her 11th career hat trick as the Scots went

on to beat the Bearcats 7-0. Barrer, Stephanie Standera '11, Christine Goglia '14 and Nina Dine '11 also contributed to the Scots' offensive dominance with scores of their own. On Saturday the Scots will face Earlham again in their final regular season match of the season. The Scots are currently second in the NCAC, behind Wittenberg University.

Fighting Scots' soccer unable to score a victory

Travis Marmon
Sports Editor

The men's soccer team continued its losing streak over the past week, dropping games against Case Western Reserve University and Kenyon College. On Oct. 20, the Scots took on the Spartans at Carl Dale Field. Wooster took an early lead when forward Yousef Aliakbar '11 scored in the 12th minute. Unfortunately, the Scots were only able to get off two more shots for the rest of the game, and failed to score on either of them. Meanwhile, Case West-

ern Reserve had 13 shots and converted on four. Jordan Fox scored in the 20th minute, followed just 50 seconds later by a Kyle Alsup goal. Vinny Bell put in the third goal during the 46th minute, and Mikey Schmid added one more in the 72nd. The 4-1 loss elevated the Spartans to 8-4-3 on the season.

Last Saturday, the Scots travelled to Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio. The Lords, ranked 23rd in the nation, barraged the Scots with 34 shots, scoring two goals in the first eight minutes and two more in the final 85 seconds. Wooster's

offense simply could not keep up, producing only nine shots and getting shut out to make it a 4-0 victory for Kenyon.

The Lords' forward Felix Hoffman scored in the fifth minute, before assisting midfielder Alistair Flynn less than three minutes later. The Scots defense was able to hold strong for the majority of the game before allowing goals by Hoffman and forward Miguel Barrera in the 89th minute. Kenyon improved to 13-1-1 (5-1 NCAC).

Although Wooster started the season with an impressive 6-0-1 re-

cord, the team has not won a game since their Sept. 21 victory over Marietta College.

The men's soccer team is on a five-game losing skid, with the losses to Case Western and Kenyon coming off losses to Oberlin College, Denison University and Hiram College. Wooster has been outscored 15-3 over their five losses. The Scots are still seeking their first NCAC victory, with the season finale at Wabash College (6-10-0, 0-6-0 NCAC) tomorrow. Wooster's record stands at 6-5-3, 0-4-2 NCAC.

THE FORMER GREENSKEEPER

NCAA agent system needs to be fixed

Beyond the bright lights of this year's college football season lurks a monster that has continued to attack college athletes and universities alike.



GRAHAM ZIMMERMAN

Once again, NCAA players have been caught receiving improper benefits from National Football League agents. The NCAA has imposed penalties that impact both the athletes and universities. There seems to be no end in sight for this problem.

The player-agent system is fundamentally flawed and needs to be fixed. In order to provide a long-term solution that will end improper benefits, one needs to first understand who is to blame.

Under the current system, this is not the NFL's fault. The players are receiving improper benefits as collegiate athletes and will remain college athletes until national signing day and the NFL draft. It is not the job of the NFL to provide oversight into the management of college football programs and their athletes.

The job of the NFL and the

Player's Association (NFLPA) is to assess the talent and character of these college athletes. However, it is the lure of the NFL and its financial benefits that tempt athletes and agents, and since there are no consequences from the NFL, that temptation isn't tempered.

This is not a problem of ignorance. NCAA athletes are taught about receiving improper benefits. They understand the punishments if they are caught. Despite these warnings, they still decide to accept benefits.

Some rationalize taking money because they don't get paid for their play, even though their universities earn millions from their efforts. Even if that justification had merit, they still know their actions are improper.

NCAA universities do not have proper oversight to monitor players' off-the-field decisions and interactions. This lack of oversight undoubtedly leads to a "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy that harbors this improper activity.

For agents to be successful they must stay competitive. If some agents are getting away with giving benefits to players, other

agents will do the same.

The problem of improper benefits is not isolated to one part of the collegiate-to-professional system. The problem exists throughout the system. It exists with the athletes themselves, the universities, the agents and even the NFL itself. Therefore, any solution must address all the factors to be effective.

First, the NCAA and NFL need to agree on harsher consequences for the players. This change is already being started. Representatives of the NCAA, NFL, NFLPA and the Coaches Association are considering penalties that will follow the players to the NFL.

These include financial penalties as well as game suspensions for the players during their rookie season. Hopefully these added penalties will sway players away from receiving improper benefits.

Second, the NCAA needs to provide a stronger oversight of collegiate programs. The NCAA should require teams to have an extra staff member whose sole job is to monitor players' off the field interactions, as well as mentoring them through the agent process. Furthermore, the

NCAA should provide the necessary financial adjustments for this to happen. This increased supervision over the players will hopefully decrease improper benefits.

More importantly, it will clear the universities from receiving scholarship suspensions and other punishments if a player is discovered to be receiving benefits.

Lastly, the NFLPA and the NCAA must force mandatory changes to the agent industry. Agents should be required to divert a small percentage of their income to independent groups whose job is to monitor agents. These groups should have access to the financial documents of the agencies to monitor if any improper financial assistance is given. If so, these independent groups should be allowed to impose fines and revoke agents' licenses.

The current system between players, agents, and the NCAA is fundamentally flawed and needs to be fixed. Until then, this monster will still lurk beyond the bright lights of college football stadiums across the country.

FRIDAY CONVERSATION

Sports Editor Mike Haggerty recently talked to Maaz Khan '11, a captain for the Wooster Cricket Team.



MAAZ KHAN

Khan led the Scots last week in their record-breaking match against a local community team. The match

broke the United States Collegiate record for attendance at a cricket match.

MH: Congratulations on breaking the attendance record and giving the College of Wooster students and alumni a homecoming match everyone is sure to remember for a very long time. How did it feel to know that the Wooster Cricket team received so much support from the college campus?

MK: I feel great and honored because of all the hard work I have put in over the last two years turned out to be fruitful. Taking cricket club to the next level and increasing its popularity on campus and among students. We entertained the audience, won the game in the end and broke the collegiate attendance record.

MH: Where do you see the cricket team going in the next few years now that they have captured the support of the campus community?

MK: The future of the Wooster cricket team lies in the hands of the underclassmen whom I have set the groundwork for. It's in their hands to carry out the tradition and I feel positive about that. The fact that I was able to recruit a couple of American students for the team last year shows how much cricket awareness is growing across campus.

MH: How did you get started playing cricket and when did you decide that you wanted to play for Wooster on the college level?

MK: I started playing cricket at the age of six. Back home its part of the culture and common to be a cricket fanatic and follow cricket heroes. Like any other child I used to play cricket in the streets and roads whenever possible. I represented my high school cricket team as a cricket captain and played cricket for clubs back home. Since my first year I've been playing cricket here at Wooster and sophomore year I took charge and changed the entire structure of the team.

MH: What can members of the campus community do to help support the Wooster cricket team?

MK: The College of Wooster represents an element of diversity and this element is present in the Wooster Cricket Team. I think members of the community should play cricket more often with the College Cricket Team. It would build a good relationship between the community and students.

PICK 'EM

Pick 'em returns with your favorite sports editors Graham Zimmerman, Travis Marmon and Mike Haggerty, who will pick winners for the NFL and NCAA matchups in the upcoming week. Feel free to send us an e-mail at voice_sports@wooster.edu.

Graham (GZ) 21-12

Mike (MH) 20-13

Travis (TM) 23-7

NFL

Sunday, Oct. 31

(GZ, MH) Washington at Detroit (TM)

(MH, TM, GZ) Jacksonville at Dallas

(TM, GZ) Miami at Cincinnati (MH)

Buffalo at Kansas City (GZ, TM, MH)

(MH, GZ) Carolina at St. Louis (TM)

(GZ, TM, MH) Denver vs. San Francisco (MH) (game in London, England)

(MH) Green Bay at NY Jets (TM, GZ)

(GZ, MH) Tennessee at San Diego (TM)

(MH) Tampa Bay at Arizona (GZ, TM)

Minnesota at New England

(GZ, TM, MH)

(MH, GZ) Seattle at Oakland (TM)

(GZ, TM) Pittsburgh at New Orleans (MH)

Monday, Nov. 1

(MH) Houston at Indianapolis (GZ, TM)

NCAA Div. 1

Thursday, Oct 28

(GZ, TM) No. 16 Florida State at NC State (MH)

Saturday, Oct 30

(GZ, MH) No. 17 Oklahoma St at Kansas St (TM)

(GZ, MH) No. 22 Miami (FL) at Virginia (MH, TM)

(MH) Tennessee at No. 20 South Carolina (GZ, TM)

(GZ, TM) No. 5 Michigan State at No. 18 Iowa (MH)

(MH) No. 6 Missouri at No. 14 Nebraska (GZ, TM)

(MH, GZ, TM) No. 15 Arizona at UCLA

(GZ, TM) No. 1 Auburn at Mississippi (MH)

(MH, GZ, TM) No. 13 Stanford at Washington

Vanderbilt at No. 19 Arkansas (MH, GZ, TM)

(GZ, MH, TM) No. 25 Baylor at Texas

(GZ, TM, MH) No. 8 Utah at Air Force

(GZ, TM) No. 2 Oregon at University of Southern California (MH)

(GZ, TM, MH) No. 11 Ohio State at Minnesota

Colorado at No. 9 Oklahoma (GZ, TM, MH)

(GZ) Utah State at No. 24 Nevada (TM, MH)

(MH, GZ, TM) No. 4 Texas Christian University at UNLV

(MH, GZ) Kentucky at No. 21 Mississippi State (TM)

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